

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: Urban Design Committee

DATE, TIME AND

PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, April 3, 2002, 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS AND OTHERS

IN ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Dennis Scheer, Gordon Scholz, JoAnne Kissel, Scott Sullivan and Third World Oforah

Others: Linda Krohn (Windy Cities), Ed Zimmer and Missy Minner (Planning Dept.)

STATED PURPOSE

OF THE MEETING: Regular meeting of the Urban Design Committee

Scheer called the meeting to order and requested a motion approving the minutes of the December 5, 2001 meeting. Motion for approval made by Sullivan, seconded by Scholz. Motion carried 5-0; Scheer, Scholz, Kissel, Sullivan and Oforah voting 'yes'; Todd and Eckert absent.

Windy Cities Outdoor Dining Application -

Linda Krohn appeared. She and her husband own a restaurant on O Street and have decided to expand their business to include a vendor cart. They have hired people with restaurant background to run the cart. The police department has approved their application. Duffy's has expressed an interest in having their cart in front of their business. They understand they can not be in the "bar area" (1400 block of O St.) in the evening and are still in the process of finalizing a location. They will take the cart to area fairs so it will not always be in operation in Lincoln. They would like to operate the cart year round. The cart is stainless steel. The umbrella carries the Vienna color scheme of red and yellow. The Vienna logo is on the umbrella and there is a sign attached to the side of the cart.

Motion for approval made by Kissel, seconded by Oforah. Motion carried 5-0; Scheer, Scholz, Kissel, Sullivan and Oforah voting 'yes'; Todd and Eckert absent.

Larry Enersen Urban Design Award -

Zimmer indicated that the Committee needs to make a final decision on the award at the conclusion of the meeting. The Arts Council is asking that they choose only one award recipient this year as they only have funding for one award.

Nominations received included the Gunter Hofmann duplexes and Bob Riopley submitted Tom Laging's name. Committee members agreed that Laging would be very deserving of the award, but preferred to maintain the original intention of recognizing finished projects in the built environment. Members noted that Tom was a longtime member of the Committee and played a key roles in instituting the Enersen Award program. They discussed ideas to better publicize the award in hopes that it would be an incentive for more quality projects.

The Committee recessed at 3:35 to tour sites nominated for the Larry Enersen Award. Among the sites visited were Foundation Gardens on N St. (btw. 14th & 15th), the Lincoln Children's Museum on P St. at Centennial Mall, the Haymarket Park baseball development, N. 27th streetscape improvements (including the redevelopment parcels at S Street and Vine Street), the Hofmann-Johnson duplexes on S. 30th St., Star City Shores, Densmore Park and associated developments (Library and YMCA). Members discussed the various projects and deferred consideration of Haymarket Park and Densmore Park until they have reached more finished states. The Foundation Garden was also noted as a significant project of lasting benefit which warranted recognition at some future time.

Lincoln Children's Museum was selected for the 2002 Larry Enersen Award for its transformation of an uninspired building into a striking, lively magnet for community activity, well-positioned in the heart of the city, and an enhancement to Centennial Mall. Designed by The Architectural Partnership, the project also demonstrated a positive, productive working relationship with Urban Design Committee. The bronze sculpture of parading children was highlighted for particular mention for enriching the streetscape in a culturally sensitive way.

The Committee adjourned at 5 p.m.